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**PERUVIAN TRADE GETS \$1,500,000 U. S. CREDIT**

**Federal Reserve Bank Fixes Sum to Aid Importers in Stabilizing Exchange**

To stabilize Peruvian exchange available to American importers, the Federal Reserve Bank in New York has established a \$1,500,000 Peruvian credit to be drawn through the banks at the rate of \$5.014 for each Peruvian pound desired and the payment, in addition, of a commission of 1-1/2 of 1 per cent and cable charges.

The arrangement of this credit is believed to be in accordance with the policy of the Federal Reserve Board in refusing to allow shipments of gold from the United States except for extraordinary purposes. That it will have the same effect as gold shipments was the opinion expressed in banking circles yesterday.

It was explained that the rate announced by the board was that at which Peruvian exchange was fixed by the Peruvian currency law of September 16 last. Previous to that date a considerably higher premium had prevailed.

Exchange on Peru has ruled against the United States for some time past principally due to increased imports from that source and the inability of American exporters to increase their shipments proportionately under war control of foreign trade.

It was stated yesterday that there was little demand for Peruvian exchange and that consequently the credit might be expected to last for some time. Information obtained in reliable quarters is that the announcement forecasts similar arrangements with other Latin-American countries.

**COAL PRICE GREW SLOWLY**

**Five Years' Advance Less Than That in Other Articles**

The advance in the cost of anthracite coal during the last five years has not kept pace with the soaring cost of many other commodities, as shown by Government statistics just compiled.

**HOG ISLAND PROBE RESUMED**

**Piez Expected to Appear Before Senate Committee Today**

The Commerce Committee of the Senate today resumed its investigation of the Hog Island rebuilding plan. Charles Piez, director general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has been summoned as a witness. He was on the stand two weeks ago, but did not complete his testimony.

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**MAIMED SOLDIERS JOKE OF LOSSES**

**Lad With Leg Off Sees Saving in Shoes, Nurse Writes**

**LETTERS TO DR. STEELE**

**Come in Full of Shrapnel and First Question Is "When Is Chow?"**

Wounded American boys in hospitals abroad do not brood over their troubles. They are invariably happy, and they see the funny side of everything.

This is shown in one of many letters received from overseas by the Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, rector of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany. Doctor Steele has had letters from nurses and soldiers, members of his parish, and in all cases the tone is cheerful, although a note of homesickness has crept into them lately. Upon request he has allowed excerpts to be taken from some of these.

Miss Emma C. Witherup, trained nurse, with U. S. Base Hospital No. 48, A. E. F., writes: "I do not think the young men of any nation can compare with these boys. They see the funny side of everything. My ward is in a perfect uproar from morning until night. Even those seriously wounded are always joking with each other. For example, one man with his right arm off asked me why I never took his pulse on the 'east side.' Another, with a leg off, said he had always wanted to have his shoes made to order but never before could afford it."

"When is Chow-time?" "We have received thousands right from the front. They may be full of shrapnel; but invariably their first question is, 'When is chow-time?'"

Sergeant Edwin Buchwald, Company A, Department 65, R. F. C., writes from St. Sulphur December 31: "I had a seven days' furlough, beginning just in time to board the train for Paris along with some boys for the celebration of the armistice. We certainly had a welcome. As we stepped from the train an average of twenty people each tried to kiss us and all wanted to dance with us."

Sergeant Robert E. Patchel, First Marine Aviation Force, writes from the Thirtieth General Hospital, No. 20, Calais, France, a long letter, devoting page after page to cheerful words and exhortations to persuade his parents not to worry. It is only at the very end that he refers to his own troubles thus: "I have merely had influenza and what they call double pneumonia. I have now been in the hospital twice, but this time will stay until I get well and strong."

Mad Interesting Trip  
Miss Ethel Boyer, sailing from New York to join the Red Cross, writes on board the Transatlantic, and sends based on Bordeaux a description of her "interesting trip" having had "only four days of rough sailing and two each of fog and rain. We had much social life on board, folk songs and dances on deck, American dances and popular songs, games, boxing and physical exercise—and music by a French band."

Private William R. Burke, Sales Commissary Unit No. 32, M. C., writes from Belgium: "We had seen some buildings shot down in France; but, on this trip through little Belgium, we sure have seen some that are shot up. It is a pleasure to see the Belgians coming back to their homes; that is, the few who find their homes standing. But, no matter what they find, all they say is, 'It could be worse.'"

Corporal Charles Harrod, O. M. R. S., Third Artillery Corps, arrived late in France. And yet he saw service before the climax came.

Livestock His Alarm  
Joseph Cook, Battery A, 108th Field Artillery, composed the following on "Knights of Columbus paper, active service with A. E. F.": "Some one forwarded a copy of the EVENING PUBLIC LEADER, which was very interesting, especially the head lines of your interview which they had marked in heavy black crayon, 'Boys in France Written Off.' I am afraid whoever used that pencil was ironical toward me, but I have been pretty busy. At present we are stationed in a barn. It is equipped with a wonderful revolve alarm, a complete set of two pigs, five goats and one cow, who all begin to sing 'Over There' in the key of G at 6 o'clock in the morning. Is it any wonder we cannot find the 'knights in pens?' We even get each other's hob-nailed shoes mixed up."



**MAJOR WILLIAM B. SIMMONS**  
Who is seventy-four years old and who saw service in the Civil War as well as in thousands of fires, was in command of a little group of veterans of the Firemen's Active Association of Philadelphia who paraded yesterday with their old hose cart.

**MAN STRANGELY MISSING**

**Disappears After Leaving Hospital—Police Have His Money**

Relative of William S. Milvin, a former resident of the city, who disappeared here on September 29, is anxious to find him. Milvin came here from Penn Station Westmoreland county, on September 12, intending to make his future home here. Two days later he walked into the Eighth District police station, and told the house sergeant he was ill. The police sent him to the Philadelphia Hospital.

Before sending him to the hospital they took charge of his papers, and Milvin was discharged. From the hospital on September 29 and had not been heard of since.

His disappearance did not become known until several days ago when the Eighth District police discovered the papers of Milvin and notified a niece, Mrs. D. B. Moses, of Akron, O. She came to the city in search of her uncle. Mrs. Moses is stopping at 4557 Fleming street, Roxborough. Milvin is seventy-three years old and a veteran of the Civil War.

**TO EXPLAIN P. O. PLANS**

**J. I. Blaklee to Address Poor Richards at Luncheon**

Reconstruction plans of the Postoffice Department will be explained by J. I. Blaklee, fourth assistant postmaster general, at the weekly luncheon in the Poor Richard Club at noon.

**8-CENT FARE LOOMS IN N. Y.**

Shonts Says Otherwise Company Faces Bankruptcy  
New York, Jan. 2.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, which operates the subway and elevated lines in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, addressed a letter to the municipal government last night declaring that unless an eight-cent fare is granted the company faces bankruptcy.

**SKIP-STOP ISSUE BEFORE COUNCILS**

**Bill May Be Delayed However Thirteen Committee Report**

**METER MEASURE READY**

**Sweeping Change in Water Payment Plan Also Faces Postponement**

Bills providing for elimination of skip-stops and for universal water metering are ready for final passage by Councils today. Both important measures have been delayed over the year's end and further delay may result in their being left till a later session.

Chairman Seger of Councils' Committee on Street Railways may allow the skip-stop measure to go by default until such time as the skip-stop committee of thirteen submits its report and until the Public Service Commission takes action. The committee of thirteen, of which Mayor Smith is a member, will hold an executive session tomorrow, and is expected to make a finding favorable to the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

Chairman Claffey, of Councils' special committee on water metering, may permit the meter bill to go over, as it includes a number of provisions that have not met with the entire approval of all interested. In the event of the water meter bill's passage the entire city will be under meter service within five years; the city will be divided into sections and a universal price will be established for meters through contracts to be let by the Department of Public Works. The estimated cost to property owners is \$4,000,000.

Other bills of less general interest, but important because they require a two-thirds vote to pass, include a "moral claim" of the American Bridge Company for losses incurred through having to store materials during the delays occasioned by the failure to complete the preliminary work for the Frankford elevated and another of similar character to another firm.

Financial bills of last night in its year-end rush to clear the calendar will be taken up by the Finance Committee at a meeting scheduled for early this afternoon. A number of bills will be reported later to Councils.

**MAJOR DEFIES OFFICIALS**

**Officer Declares Conditions in Wilmington Are Beyond Control**

Wilmington, Del., Jan. 2.—Conflict between civil and military authorities has broken out in consequence of the lodging of a meeting scheduled for early this afternoon by Major Weyler, commander of the Federal guards, stationed in the French street barracks.

**CHILD KILLED BY AUTO**

**Run Down as She Steps From Trolley at Bethlehem**

Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 2.—A few minutes after eight-year-old Margaret Van Fleet, of Newark, N. J., arrived in town with her parents to visit relatives she stepped from a trolley car and was struck by an automobile driven by Charles H. McCloskey. She was so badly injured that she died in St. Luke's Hospital a few hours later.

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7:30 p. m.—Motion pictures and popular service—Y. M. C. A. building.  
8:15 p. m.—Dance, social and call—Kosy Korner Club, Christ Church, Service House, Second street above Market.  
8:30 p. m.—Program under direction of Miss Chase, Navy and Marine Corps Recreation Center.  
Dance—Knights of Columbus Building, Third street above Rowan avenue.  
**OUTSIDE THE NAVY YARD**  
7 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.—Dancing class, Intermediate.  
Dancing class, Advanced, Athletic Recreation Park, Twenty-sixth and Market streets.  
7:30 p. m.—Dancing lessons, Professor Carl Tolson, teacher, Ladies' Club, 121 South Tenth street.  
8 p. m.—Boating program, arranged by Miss C. Meiner, Mrs. Charles M. Tyn and Mrs. Corlies, 1319 Susquehanna street.  
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**Motion Pictures**  
7:30 p. m.—Lobby, Central Y. M. C. A. building.  
8:15 p. m.—U. S. Naval Home.  
7:45 p. m.—Yaucoville and moving picture, United Service Club, 207 South Twentieth street.

**NEW YEAR'S "DRY" IN N. Y.**

**Retail Saloonkeepers Voluntarily Close Their Places of Business**

New York, Jan. 2.—The night after New Year's eve New York was bone dry and it was not because the entire visible supply of intoxicants had been consumed either. The saloonkeepers closed their doors voluntarily.

After the clocks struck long lines of men might have been seen wandering down Broadway, vainly trying the doors of cafes. Then they migrated to Park Row, where almost everything is open all night. All the doors were locked. From there they went to the Bowery, evidently figuring that anything was better than nothing. But their quest was in vain. The swinging doors simply did not swing. Hotel and restaurant bars were dark, too.

The unprecedented action of the Retail Liquor Dealers' Association was taken because the members believed it was the only way they could be certain of keeping liquor from men in uniform who flocked to the city by the tens of thousands.

**BUGBEE FOR N. J. GOVERNOR**

**State Controller Makes Frank Announcement of Candidacy**

Atlantic City, Jan. 2.—State Controller Newton A. K. Bugbee, for years chairman of the Republican State committee, formally announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Governor at the New Year's dinner of the Atlantic County Board of Freeholders. He was sponsored by Governor Walter W. Edge and Supreme Court Clerk Enoch L. Johnson.

Mr. Bugbee in announcing his candidacy, following his introduction by former Judge Enoch Higbee, toastmaster, made no attempt to deliver a speech, but declared: "Without any camouflage I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor at the September primaries and as such seek your support."

**PENROSE TO MEET CHIEFS SATURDAY**

**Republican State Leaders Will Confer Here on Legislative Plans**

**SPANGLER FOR SPEAKER**

**Vares Expected to Demand Full Representation on All Committees**

Republican leaders from over the State are expected here Saturday to confer with Senator Penrose. The Senator will leave Sunday for Washington and does not expect to return again for several weeks or until the revenue bill is disposed of.

Among the leaders expected here are Senator William E. Cross, Republican State chairman; W. Harry Baker, secretary of the State committee; Auditor General Charles A. Snyder, W. P. Gallagher, chief clerk of the Senate, and a group from the western end of the State.

It is understood that the leaders will discuss the coming legislative session and decide whether or not a party program of legislation is to be framed.

Some of the leaders expect to talk over the situation with Governor-elect William C. Sproul.

The Governor-elect is not expected to sit in any conference.

Republican members of the House will caucus and nominate their choice for Speaker in Harrisburg Monday evening. Representative Robert S. Spangler, of York, who is the unanimous choice, will be elected Speaker the following morning when the Legislature convenes.

The Senate and House slate committees, which will distribute legislative patronage, will be named at the caucus. The members to represent the Philadelphia delegations in the House and Senate on this committee will be named at a meeting of the Philadelphia delegations preceding the caucus.

Following the Baldwin-Cox speaker-ship fight two years ago the Vares forces got only a meagre share of the legislative patronage in the House.

None of the members of the House who voted for Cox, the Vares-Brunnough candidate, was named chairman of a committee.

In the coming session it is understood the Vares forces will demand their full share of patronage and their quota of committee chairmanships.

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